

## REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated September 2, 2009. The Office Action objected to the drawings and objected to Claims 1, 10, 13 and 15-17 for certain informalities. The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102, and rejected Claims 4, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 2, 3, 7 and 10-12 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise would be allowable, and Claims 13-18 have been allowed. The drawings have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 7, 10, 11, 13 and 15-17 are amended herein. Claims 2, 4-6, 8 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added by way of amendment.

As mentioned above, the Office Action objected to Figs. 6-8 and 10 with regard to the cross-hatching pattern for element 20. Each of these figures has been amended to show a cross-hatching pattern that is consistent with the cross-hatching shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and as suggested by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action.

The Office Action objected to Claims 1, 10, 13 and 15-17 for certain informalities. Each of these claims has been amended as suggested by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,394,507 to Baker et al. ("Baker"). Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of objected to Claim 2, which was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Claim 1 should be considered to be allowable for at least this reason. Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled, thus rendering the rejection of same moot.

The Office Action rejected Claims 4, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,394,507 to Baker et al. ("Baker"). This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of Claims 4, 8 and 9.

Claims 2, 3, 7 and 10-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As mentioned above, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements from cancelled Claim 2. In addition, Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, and each of Claims 7, 10 and 11 have been amended to be in independent form and to include the elements from previously presented Claim 1. Claim 12 depends from amended independent Claim 11. Accordingly, based on at least the indication of allowability on

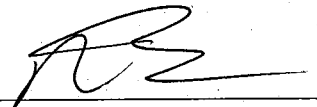
page 7 of the Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to Claims 2, 3, 7 and 10-12 be withdrawn.

For at least the reasons above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits reconsideration of same.

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